L.P.G. Agencies in Punjab

50. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) which are the places in Punjab where new LPG agencies are being set up this year;

(b) whether the setting up of complaint grievance sells for better L.P.G. consumer protection is under consideration; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) While Letters of Intant to the selected candidates have been issued for the LPG distributorships established at Bhatinda, Nabha, Talwara, Barnala,Urmar Tanda and Mukerian advertisements to invite applications have been issued in respect of the distributorships proposed at Amritsar, Sultanpur, Jallandhar, Muktsar, Moga, Kartarpur, Jalalabad, Ahmedgarh, Budhlada, Nakodar, Phagwara, Malarkotla, Kharar, Zira, Fazilka, Majur, Phillaur, Jaito, Rajkot, Kapurthala and Khanna. In view of the various necessary steps which precede the commissoning of a distributorship and the time taken in finalising selections, it is not feasible to indicate as to when the different distributorships will be commissioned.

(b) and (c) Customer Service Cells to protect consumer interests have already been set up by the oil industry and are functioning at different Divisional Offices of the oil marketing companies. Complaints from customers received by these Cells are investgated and remedal action taken.

Lok Adalats

51. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Lok Adalats, statewise currently working in the country;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to accord statutory sanction to the Lok Adalats and the legal aid programme; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): According to the information furnished by the Committee for Implementing Legal Aid Schemes:-

(a) Lok Adalats are not constituted to function as regular bodies. They are organised normally by the State Legal Aid and Advice Boards as voluntary agencies. As per the information available with CILAS the following are the statewise particulars if Lok Adalats:-

S.No.	State	No. of Lok Adalats Held
1	Andhra Pradesh	22 (Upto 31-12-1986)
2	Bihar	7 (Upto 25-5-1986)
3	Gujarat	133 (Upto 31-1-1987)
4	Haryana	41 (Upto 31-12-1986)
5	Karnataka	24 (Upto 18-1-1987)
6	Madhya Pradesh	14 (Upto 8-3-1987)